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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29TH, 1910.

In itself the revolt against the wearing of the queue among a people governed so strictly as the Chinese are by convention suggests a strength and energy of character and purpose which only those who know China well can perhaps adequately appreciate. In the last twelve months thousands of Chinese have taken this bold step, notwithstanding that the Throne has shown no inclination to commend it, except in the case of the military and the police. True, there have been reports to the effect that the Throne is prepared to issue a general Edict at the commencement of the next Chinese year sanctioning the discarding of the queue and a change in the national dress, but in an Edict issued a week ago these were referred to as "baseless rumours" and "all persons in official and educational circles and in every other walk of life" were enjoined not to listen and be deceived by them. This Edict was issued in response to a petition from the Peking Chamber of Commerce which stated that the commercial guilds in the metropolis and the merchants in the provinces had reported that the rumours of these impending changes had created "a very critical situation" in business circles,

and they, therefore, begged for protection. The meaning of this presumably is that the cutting of the queue is being followed by changes in the national costume which are seriously disturbing the piece-goods trade. That, however, is a matter which will speedily re-adjust itself, so far at least as the merchants are concerned, but if the adoption of foreign attire is a corollary of the "short crop," the effect on the great silk-weaving industry of the country would be serious indeed. Already the influence of the movement is felt and seen in the import of piece-goods from abroad, and we can quite appreciate the reluctance of the Throne to countenance a change which is likely to have a disastrous effect on the native weaving industries, to say nothing of the effect which the tyranny of fashion would be likely to have on the cost of living. So far as the queue is concerned, the Throne may be expected to acquiesce in the change sooner or later, if the pressure now being brought to bear continues. It will be seen from the report published in another column that the National Assembly recently decided by 103 votes to 28 to petition the Throne in favour of discarding the queue. Among a people so greatly under the influence of custom and convention as the Chinese are the cutting of the queue implies a greater change than meets the eye. The severance of the queue and the adoption of the European style of dress may be taken to symbolise a release from the fetters of hide-bound tradition. It needs, as we have said, courage and some decision of character to make the change while there is yet no Imperial sanction for it, but rather strong discouragement, and it implies on the part of those who take the step a determination to look forward to the country's future, and not backward upon its past, as the custom has been for centuries. Down to quite recent date the queueless Chinaman was an object of reproach and derision in the country. But the times change and even China now is changing with them. The Imperial Edict from which we have quoted can do little to check what is evidently already a popular desire; it may indeed only serve to stimulate interest in the movement, for since the Throne has sanctioned these changes in the Army the Navy and Police, as well as in the Diplomatic Service we believe, public curiosity will be excited as to why the general adoption of these "improvements" is opposed. If the objection is seen to rest entirely on the economic results of the change, there will probably be little or no hesitation on the part of those who can afford it, to indulge their preference. Thousands in Hongkong would dispense with the queue to-morrow if an Imperial Edict sanctioning the change were issued to-night, but while the Imperial sanction is withheld we shall always see, even in Hongkong and the Foreign Settlements of China, at least ninety per cent. of the Chinese population wearing the queue and the time-honoured dress.

Sir Haviland and Lady de Sanmarco and Mr. R. Ponsonby are staying at Government House.

Only one Court is engaged at the Magistracy this week, Mr. E. R. Hallifax being absent on leave for the remainder of the week.

A "Watchnight Service" will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Saturday, at 11 p.m., to which all friends are cordially invited.

A European was at the Magistracy yesterday fined \$5 and ordered to pay \$1.30 compensation to a ricksha coolie for refusing to pay ricksha hire and behaving in a disorderly manner.

The naval officers who went home from the China Station to give evidence at the Bedford Court-martial are returning by the P. & O. steamer which left Marseilles on the 9th December.

It is satisfactory to learn that the gang of snatchers operating in the city has been captured by the police. A number of arrests have been made and it is expected that the men will make their appearance before the Magistrate very soon.

An accident not unusual in Chinese life in Hongkong was reported to the police yesterday. A woman while engaged in washing operations in her house tied her twelve months' old child on the bed so as to prevent him from falling off. Unfortunately the child slipped over the side of the bed without being noticed by the mother and was strangled.

Four men were charged at the Magistracy yesterday with being concerned in a highway robbery which took place on Christmas Day between Yau-mat and Kowloon city. They were alleged to have attacked a foki and taken from him twenty-eight pieces of clothing valued \$70. The complainant's story was that the four men, armed with revolvers and choppers, carried him up the hillside and robbed him of the clothing. Next day the clothing was found in a junk in Yau-mat Bay. It is thought that the charge is a false one. However, the four men were remanded.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 25th December shows that of non-Chinese there were 373 to the Library and 249 to the Museum, and of Chinese 145 to the former and 3,039 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 518 persons and the Museum by 3,338.

Mr. Charles M. Connor, assistant director of agriculture in the Philippine Islands, has returned from a trip to Mindoro, where he investigated rubber conditions. He reports Mindoro an excellent country for both rubber and hemp, but with the one great drawback that the monkeys, wild hogs and deer create havoc among the rubber trees.

The owners of three Chiungse craft were charged before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday, with being in the harbour of refuge at Causeway Bay without permission. The hearing of the case against the first defendant was adjourned. The second was fined \$3 or seven days' imprisonment, and the third \$1.50, or a similar term.

A writer in a London paper on "Changing Piccadilly" says:—Green Park House is one of the few buildings in Piccadilly, owned privately, that do not rely solely upon a number for identification. Its more renowned companions are Apsley House, Devonshire House, Bath House, and Rectory House. Green Park House is next to the Lyceum Club, and, as its name suggests, enjoys a magnificent view over the Green Park. It is now occupied by Mr. Ralph Bellies.

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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE QUEUE.

There were one hundred and thirty-three members present at the meeting of the National Assembly recently when a motion was discussed relating to the discarding of the queue. Among the voters, numbering more than one hundred and fifty, were twelve foreigners. There were also present twenty representatives of the Press.

The Hon. Lin (representing the Province of Kuei-chow) moved that the first business, viz.:—"Discussion in regard to the discarding of the queue and the change of costume, and the proposed memorial to the Throne for the issue of an edict regarding the same," be proceeded with.

The motion was seconded and the representative of Kuei-chow said:—"I would suggest that the removal of the queue be begun among the following classes first, viz.: the police, the student class and the military class. I would also suggest that as His Imperial Majesty the Emperor is the Commander-in-Chief of the army, it might not be a bad example if His Majesty could see fit to take the lead in the movement of discarding the queue."

The Hon. Yang Hsi-tien (representing the province of Kansu) described his views regarding the subject, but owing to his dialect being unintelligible to the majority of the members his written speech was read out by the Secretary. It was to this effect: (1) He agreed to the removal of the queue; (2) he was against the changing of costumes.

The Hon. Lo-chieh (representing Hunan) described the inconvenience which would attend the sudden change of costume. He was in favour of a change of costume to this extent that all material for the change should be of home product. He would think, however, that the latter subject should be left out of consideration for the time being. But he said the queue was useless.

The Hon. Yi Tsang-kuei (representing the province of Hunan) said it was very conspicuous that while all nationalities grew no queue, the Chinese should be an exception. He disapproved the continuance of the queue.

After a lengthy discussion, during which some spoke in favour of retaining the queue, a ballot was taken and the results were:—103 member in favour of discarding the queue. 28 members against it. 2 neutral.

BIRTH OF WORLDS.

PROFESSOR'S NEW THEORY OF THE UNIVERSE.

"We have sent you cricketers, riflemen, sailors, and casual statesmen from Australasia," said Sir George Reid (Australian High Commissioner), speaking at the Colonial Institute recently, "but this is the first time we have sent you a man on a scientific mission."

Professor Bickerton, to whom his remarks referred, and who subsequently lectured on "The Romance of the Heavens," is Professor of Chemistry and Physics in New Zealand, and has come to England to explain his theory of the birth of new worlds. To enable him to do this, the Government of New Zealand has granted him the sum of £300, to which the scientific societies and university officials and colleges have added another £300, while the Governor-General of Australia contributed £100.

The professor, who is seventy years of age, is an Englishman by birth. He was trained as a boy as a civil engineer, and was a brilliant student. Thirty-six years ago he accepted the professorship in New Zealand, and while there elaborated his theory of temporary stars, which he explained with enthusiasm to a large audience. Briefly explained, it is this: The countless stars of the Milky Way are known to travel in great streams in opposite directions. As they pass each other at tremendous speed they attract each other, and in the collisions that occur particles are torn from each star. The two "wounded" stars pass on their way, but the particles coalesce and form a third body of terrific heat and energy, known to astronomers as temporary stars. Owing to its heat this body explodes, and is finally dissipated into atomic dust.

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RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

PEKING, December 28th.
The representatives of four Powers have interviewed the Waiwupu concerning the Hukuang loan. The Chinese are not prepared to take up the loan.

A meeting at Chengtu decided to suspend the Ichang railway project and construct a line connecting Chungking and Chengtu and utilize a million dollars for the purchase of tugs similar to those at Hsuting and use them for the conveyance of materials to Szechuan.

GRAND COUNCILLORS
DENOUNCED.

PEKING, December 28th.
The Assembly is again denouncing the Grand Councillors without mentioning the necessity for a Cabinet.

OBITUARY.

Tokyo, December 28th.

Lieut.-Colonel R. W. Boger, R.A., British Military Attaché at Tokyo, is dead, having succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

THE SITUATION IN PERSIA.

AFRAID OF BRITISH ACTION.

LONDON, December 28th.

A telegram from Teheran states that the Minister of Foreign Affairs has resigned, giving as a reason his conviction that Great Britain will carry out her threat made in October (to herself undertake to preserve order in South Persia if the Government of the country fails to effect an improvement).

The Minister says the Government has not been able to achieve any important result.

It is understood, however, that a reply will shortly be sent to the British Government detailing the steps which have been taken.

NATIVE RISING IN THE
CAROLINES.

GERMAN OFFICIALS MURDERED.

LONDON, December 28th.

It is reported from Berlin that a revolt of natives has occurred in the Caroline Islands, Magistrate Boeder, three officials and five natives having been murdered. The disaffection is said to be owing to roadmaking operations in progress.

The Acting-Governor and a large force arrived on the scene of the murders and found the remainder of the Europeans safe.

Three warships are hurrying to the spot.

MADAME CALVE'S CONCERT.

It is advertised to-day that Madame Calve, the famous French soprano, Sig. Gaspari, the Italian lyric tenor, and M. Jacques Finlet, the Russian pianist, and party are to give a grand operatic concert at the Theatre Royal for one night only on Wednesday next. This is a treat which no one will willingly miss. For particulars as to the charges, which are necessarily higher than usual, we refer the reader to the advertisement. The booking is at S. Montrie & Co's.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF BERLIN.

The Berlin City Council on the 12nd inst. arrived at the important decision to construct a "North and South" railway across Berlin. The proposal was adopted unanimously, although it is hoped that work will be begun immediately. The line will be only about four miles long with 11 stations, but as it is the first genuine transverse line, with its middle point in the very important and very badly served Friedrichstrasse, it may be the beginning of a revolution of Berlin communications.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

MACAO, Dec. 28th.

RETROSPECTIVE.

The year that is now drawing to a close will be remembered here as a year of blood and tears, and it is sincerely hoped that 1911 will have better things in store and that it will be marked by peace and prosperity.

The Coloman affair brought many anxious days. It brought bloodshed and wholesale destruction of villages, but scarcely had the excitement created by that revolt subsided when the Colony was thrilled with the news that the monarchy of Portugal had been overthrown in favour of a republic. The disturbing influences thus set up had their sequel soon afterwards in the revolt which took place in Macao itself. This was accompanied by the expulsion of the religious orders.

In such circumstances it is only to be expected that business would suffer, and it is no straining of language in stating that trade has never been so bad for many years as it has been in 1910. The closing of the banks, and the arrest of the merchants, has been followed by a general exodus of the trading community, and the future does not hold much promise of better things.

No progress has been made with the dredging of the harbour. Great sums of money have been spent without any result being visible. The four hopper barges bought at great expense are lying idle, and the grab has not been seen for many a day, notwithstanding the fact that a considerable sum is spent every month in wages.

EDUCATIONAL.

The Colégio de Santa Rosa de Lima is to be re-opened on January 7th with additions to the teaching staff. The new teachers are said to have excellent records.

THE OLD FLAG.

When the steamer *Sai An* came into harbour last Sunday flying the old Portuguese flag some people were inclined to create a disturbance and insist upon the Captain pulling down that flag. However, the Harbour Master was able to maintain order by explaining that the steamer was British owned and that Great Britain had not yet recognised the republic.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The importation of morphine will be prohibited in the Colony from the beginning of the New Year except under licence. The two local newspapers which were suspended are to be allowed to publish again.

P. AND O. REPORT.

The net surplus of the year ended September 30, 1910, amounts to £275,561, including £66,483 brought forward. After deducting the amount of the interim dividends, the balance of a further payment of 23 per cent. on the Preferred and 62 per cent. on the Deferred stock, together with a bonus on the latter stock of 3 per cent. The distribution for the year is therefore equal to 9 per cent. on the paid-up capital. A balance of £67,181 is carried forward. The report adds:—

Contracts were arranged in December last with Messrs. Carvel and Messrs. Haywood & Wolff for the construction of two steamers of the "M" class, which now appear in the fleet. The names of the *Medina* and *Malaga*. These vessels are larger than their prototypes of the same class, their tonnage being about 12,000 tons. They will be delivered in time for the outward passenger season of next year. The directors recently invited tenders for two steamers of 11,000 tons, with adequate power, intended chiefly for the new Australian line to the Cape. They will have extensive accommodation for third-class passengers and emigrants. The directors recently acquired the steamers and business of the Blue Anchor Line, which held a highly respectable position in the Australian trade, via the Cape, for many years. The steamers, five in number, aggregating 30,000 tons, appear in their place in the fleet list. They were taken over at their original cost price, subject to an annual depreciation of the rate of 5 per cent. for every year they had been at work. At this rate the cost of these ships worked out approximately at £250,000. In addition to this sum the company paid Messrs. Lund, the managing owners, the sum of £25,000 for goodwill and compensation for the loss of management commissions, as the work will now be altogether in the hands of this company. The company have for some years been engaged in the Australian carrying trade by purely cargo vessels, but in a more or less irregular way. The purchase of the Blue Anchor line will consolidate a policy which circumstances have hitherto prevented from being other than of a tentative character, and will enable the company to participate in the emigration business with Australia, which is rapidly developing at the present time.

Opium shipments from India have fallen to zero, and other freights on cotton and cotton twist have been carried at lower rates than before, under the operation of contracts which it had been found necessary to accept rather than come to a rupture with shippers. Altogether the freight, &c., receipts have advanced from £1,518,818 to £1,754,248—a favourable difference of £235,430. The Indian business has probably been, on the whole, the best department of the company's work, but the Australian and China trades have also contributed to the improvement.

The coal account has been swollen by the outlay attending the supply of coal in Australia during a long strike of the miners, which threw difficulties in the way of loading ships. Depreciation amounts to £426,751, while the Suez Canal dues under the present reduced tariff, amount to £357,989—a greater figure than that of last year. The coal expenditure stands at £818,907.

The working account of the year enables the sum of £24,000 to be set aside after payment of the small dividend and bonus. The directors have thought it well to write off at once the £25,000 paid for the goodwill of the Blue Anchor Line, which will then leave the capital of this new business at a very moderate figure; and, secondly, to appropriate £59,000 as extra depreciation, in pursuance of the policy of strengthening the reserves. The balance to be carried forward will be slightly in excess of that brought forward.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. Co's str. *Empress of Japan* left Yokohama on the 25th instant, at 3 p.m. for Vancouver and Victoria, B.C.

The I.G.M. str. *Lutetia*, which left here on the 30th inst., at noon, arrived at Genoa on the 27th inst., at 8 a.m.

EDUCATION IN SHANGHAI.

The Municipal Council at Shanghai has appointed a General Educational Committee. At the inaugural meeting the Committee was addressed by Mr. Landale, Chairman of the Council, in the following terms:—

Gentlemen.—I have come on behalf of the Council to thank you for accepting its invitation to join this Committee. There has been some delay in the formation of the Committee, due to several causes, such as the absence on leave of both the Headmasters of the Public School and the Public School for Chinese, and the fact that the Secretariat has been very short-handed during this summer. You will remember that at the last annual meeting of ratepayers in the course of my general speech on the Municipal finances, I said:—

"While on the subject of education, as the amount we have to provide for this purpose increases, and the question annually grows in importance, I think the time has arrived when we should re-examine our position, and make sure that we are moving along lines best suited to our wants. We want to secure for the ratepayers the best possible education, and to appoint a Committee formed of ratepayers, who are interested in this subject and ask them to draw up a report on the whole question, and make recommendations for our future guidance."

What I had in view was the fact that the Budget which the Council was then laying before the ratepayers contained an appropriation of very nearly £75,000 to be spent on education. This sum did not include interest on the large sum spent in the past on land and buildings for educational purposes. I do not wish you to think that the Council considers this too large a sum. Far from it. We believe that in some respects the public good goes far for its money. But we foresee the likelihood of further calls being made and of our expenditure on education growing, and we want to secure for the public that as far as is possible and the money is being spent to the best advantage of the community.

This, therefore, is the reason that the Council has convened this Educational Committee. The Council hopes that the Committee may be able to compile a statistical summary of the educational work in progress at present in the Settlement, that is to say, make a list of all Shanghai schools of both sexes, whether for European, Eurasian or Chinese children, with the number of scholars, scale of fees and curriculum of each.

With this as a basis, the Council is anxious to obtain a general report and recommendations as to education in Shanghai, and especially on the subject of the Rate-Aided Schools, as to whether existing grants suffice or no, and as to whether a system of issue of grants is adequate. In determining this I hope you will touch upon the point as to what call, if any, there is upon the ratepayers of Shanghai to provide funds for education.

It is needless for me to say that the fullest information will be furnished to the Committee as to all Rate-Aided Schools, and I have little doubt that voluntary and missionary schools will afford the Committee similar facilities for the enquiry.

ELECTION INSURANCES.

There was practically no change yesterday, says *The Times* of the 6th inst., in the rates at which election insurances were effected at Lloyd's. Eighty and 20 per cent. were quoted to cover the payment of £100 in the event of a ministerial and Liberal Unionist victory respectively, that is to say, the betting was still 4 to 1 on a majority for the coalition parties. As a matter of fact, the net Unionist premium was slightly easier, but that represented nothing more than the turn of the market.

It would be a mistake to suppose, from any prominence given to these quotations, that the great majority of underwriters have abandoned the speculative practice of securing insurances for the sake of election insurances, and that they have made themselves as great authorities on the state of the political parties as they often are on the points of a ship; in times like the present, when political feeling runs very high, many underwriters have no objection to participating if the rates seem tempting; but the bulk of the business is confined to a very few who, by skillfully making a book, are able to ensure a profit whatever the result of the election. In this way a clever man with a large connection may find writing election insurances a good deal more profitable than insuring cargoes in first-rate liners. Orders come to Lloyd's from many sources, because, though it is understood that some leading underwriters have recently drawn the line at twins, it is widely believed that there is a market there for almost any risk; that belief has a basis of fact, though essential conditions are that the premium is satisfactory and that the business is not against the public interest.

STOCK EXCHANGE BETTING.

The elections have given rise to a certain amount of betting among members of the Stock Exchange. Most big "sporting" events receive some attention in the "House," especially from the younger and more light-hearted section of that body, and a General Election, in the result of which everything is more or less uncertain, is particularly attractive to the aleatory instincts of man. To back one's own side by betting on its success has from time immemorial been a characteristic of the British people. The Stock Exchange is, of course, predominantly Unionist, and most members who bet on the elections would no doubt be prepared to take odds which, from the cold business point of view of a professional gambler, would seem extravagant, just as a University man will support Oxford or Cambridge on terms differing widely from the actual odds reported in the sporting papers.

As regards this election, it is believed that the betting has been to some extent controlled by what could be done at Lloyd's in the more businesslike form of insurances. Until Mr. Balfour's great speech at the Albert Hall 5 to 1 against a Unionist victory were the current odds in the Stock Exchange. Since then the Liberal-Labour-Socialist-Irish combination has "gone back" in the betting to about 4 to 1. Yesterday's odds were 5 to 1 offered, then were made by Unionists without success. As a species of "side-show," Unionist bets of 5 to 4 on Mr. Balfour Law for North-West Manchester were offered, and were, we believe, taken by indignant Liberals.

Another form of betting, dealing in "majorities" which has been amusing the "House" for some days, will probably cease, as it has led, it is feared, to real gambling by clerks who did not realize what they were doing and lost what they could not afford. The game was rather a pretty one, with a pleasing resemblance to real Stock Exchange transactions, which, no doubt, was part of its attraction. The game consisted in dealing in the "Government majority" at the figures thought probable from day to day by such members as chose to join in it. At first Unionists "sold" the majority at 120 or less; but the "price" speedily fell to 100, recently to 80, and after Mr. Balfour's speech to 40, a sufficiently fantastic *abaisse*. As, however, every fall of 1 meant a profit of £1 to be paid to the seller by the buyer, it will be easily seen that to a poor man the loss if he dealt "the wrong way" might be serious.

PARIS LETTER.

[WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

December 2nd.

THE LATEST FLOODS.

Judging from the latest reports the floods have got the upper hand of the authorities, and an awful state of things prevails throughout the country. The incessant rain—and it is a wonder where it all comes from—is laying the Provinces in ruin. Parisians have lost to complain about, as the Seine has practically ceased to rise. The situation, however, in the departments is nothing short of alarming, and matters are increasing in gravity hourly. In several places it has been found necessary to close factories which have been flooded out, in consequence of which thousands have been thrown out of work, and at this time of the year this is a most serious matter, as can be readily imagined. In consequence of the river Orne overflowing, the streets and buildings of Caen are flooded. It is with the greatest difficulty that families have been rescued from their homes; those who are not in immediate danger are dependent for their food on what the floating boats and punts are able to bring. Actually, the coasts of the three principal banks are flooded, and clerks have had to hurriedly desert their lodgers for the pumps. Traffic has been brought to a standstill, owing to there being four feet of water in many of the streets. Near Vendôme, another important agricultural district, a huge mass of earth has slipped down from a hillside, carrying away a house and burying six horses. In the rich valley of the Loire, the situation is also disastrous. At Nantes, no fewer than forty factories and workshops have had to close—5,000 men being rendered idle. All navigation and loading has been suspended, so that there is no work either for dockers. The railway service between Nantes and Angers—two very important commercial centres—has stopped running; riverside villages are totally abandoned, while whole farms have disappeared beneath the rising water! At Angers, traffic has been abandoned; light, too, is lacking, and 5,000 inhabitants are isolated in their homes, expecting every moment to have to abandon the same and escape as best they can. Floods, too, are very extensive and disastrous throughout Brittany. The suburb of Mont-Jean, near Angers, has been completely swept away by the flood, and the loss of life, etc., is reported to be appalling. Nothing seems to be able to keep back the waters, the torrents are sweeping everything before them. Parisians are closely watching the Seine, which is not to be trusted for one minute; on the contrary, the incessant rain and the provincial torrents rise in the Seine, for cause another serious rise in the Seine, for which ample preparations are being made. For the moment, the perilous state of the Provinces occupies the paramount attention of the Government. Everything is being done to help those in distress, funds are being raised, food and clothing collected and sent by the quickest route to the ruined districts. It is with the utmost difficulty that such places can be reached or approached. There is no lack of heroism. Frenchmen at such times, know no danger. Soldiers, sailors, firemen, as well as civilians, are working night and day, rescuing the thousands of unfortunates whose safety is so seriously threatened.

THE CLASSIC ROMANCES.

A Paris contemporary has been making inquiries about the popularity of the classic romances, and a sorry report is the result. One of the leading booksellers of this city says of Dumas père:—"He still sells to a certain extent, the 'Monsieur de la Roche' for example. As to Eugène Sue, he is now a name, and little more." Of George Sand, "Monsieur de la Roche" still maintains popularity; but her other works have gone to make tobacco corners or paper wrappers. Balzac is one of the writers who still has a hold upon the people, "but," said the bookseller, "that would not probably be for long. His complete works sell only with difficulty." Asked why the classics of Dumas père, George Sand, and Balzac had ceased to have a hold upon the popular mind, the Paris bookseller said the cause, or rather causes, were many. Cigarettes, absinthe, cycling, aviation, the abuse of sports, and over-production are the chief factors responsible for this degeneracy. Men and women still write, but if things go as they are, 50 years hence people will still continue to write, but there will be no readers.

SCARCITY OF GAME.

Certain categories of game are becoming so scarce in France that the Central Society of French Hunters is agitating for protective measures. It asks that the closing of the hunting season shall be advanced for hares and partridges, and a close season instituted in Algeria for quail. M. Georges Bégot, the secretary of the Society, points out that whereas, in 1908, 360,000 partridges and 140,000 hares were received at the *Halles Centrales*, or Paris Central Markets, the numbers fell in 1909 to 310,000 partridges and 120,000 hares. If these are not to be exterminated, the season must be materially shortened.

The Mayor of a little Commune or parish in the Haute-Pyrénées is a lover of animals. He has just issued an order which shows more consideration for birds and beasts than for human beings. The order runs as follows:—"Whereas certain young people of the Commune are accustomed on Sundays after Mass to dance, the noise that they make frightens the fowls and animals of the village, with the result that there is a considerable loss. He now forbids dancing on land belonging to the Commune during such hours as this domestic animals may be taking their rest."

HERO-WORKING IN FRANCE.

The French have a happy way of commemorating greatness, native or foreign, in any way connected with France. For eight years Benjamin Franklin was the American Ambassador in France, and he set the first lightning conductor in that country on the Hotel Valentinois, where he was the guest of M. de Chamaud. In time the house and grounds disappeared, and a church of the "Brothers" occupied the spot; but a commemorative tablet was inserted in the wall. Then the church gave place to some fine houses, and once more Franklin is commemorated. The tablet reads:—"Ici d'habitait un pavillon dépendant de l'Hôtel Valentinois. De 1777 à 1785 Benjamin Franklin y habita et y fit placer le premier paratonnerre construit en France." (This translated reads: On this site was a wing of the Valentinois hotel. From 1777 to 1785 Benjamin Franklin resided here and had fixed to the building the first lightning conductor ever built in France.) Beneath is a medallion of the physicist-statesman.

"NOSES THAT SUFFER."

The latest Society—and their name is already legion—to come into existence in Paris is "The Association of Noses that Suffer" (nothing like being original), the object being to suppress objectionable odours. "The black list" of the Society includes not only the "evil smells of railway trains, motor-cars, garbage receptacles and drain pipes, oil refineries, tanneries, soap factories and chemical works, but also the morbid and sickening scents to some extent countenanced by fashionable society, such as patchouli and all those into which musk enters. Even smokers, fish vendors, and chefs will be admonished to keep the peace more strictly by less disturbance of sensitive olfactory organs.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

They do some things in France better than in other countries. The telephone directory is a case in point, and the administration is about to make an innovation, whereby, for a payment of 5 francs, subscribers to the telephone are able to insert after their name a note indicating the hours of reception, consultation, and the time of opening and closing business.

VICTOR HUGO, ADVERTISEMENT WRITER.

It may not be generally known that Victor Hugo used to draft the advertisements of his own books, instead of leaving the task to his publishers.

THE RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The Red Cross in France has a department for the special training of dogs, and through its efforts they are taught to search out the wounded and draw attention to their location. Untried work has trained them not to bark or howl when coming upon a wounded soldier, but to retrieve some object belonging to him and carry it to the first Red Cross worker that can be found. When the worker takes the object from the dog's mouth the animal turns about and leads the way back.

UNDESIRABLES.

The undesirable of Paris are chiefly to be found in the cosmopolitan quarter of the French capital, in the vicinity of the Hotel de Ville, described as a poisonous toadstool. Whole streets in that part of the "Vieille Lamerie" are occupied by a weird population in picturesque but ragged garments, who swarm at the portals, perform their toilet in the open, and carry on conversations from one house to another in barbarous and guttural tongues. These exotics seem to come from everywhere—Russia, Roumania, Poland, Syria, and the little Balkan States. They have their cafes and restaurants, and mean and obscure shops where they carry on some trade. The street cleaners scarcely dare to enter these narrow streets, where are accumulated maddening pyramids from the houses. Needless to observe that these undesirable foreigners are obstinate refractory to the most elementary laws of hygiene. Their proximity is a source of annoyance to the dwellers in the St. Germain quarter, who demand their expulsion, but this seems a difficulty beyond the powers of M. Lépine.

A FAMOUS RESTAURATEUR.

By the death of M. Orsel Paris has lost one of its most noted restaurateurs. He was the proprietor of the well-known restaurant in the Rue Richelieu. It went by the odd name of "Le Grand U." It was the favourite resort of a famous literary-montary group. Gambetta and other illustrious men who had helped to make the history of France used to dine together there and discuss public affairs. It was a period when prominent men did not disdain to be seen in an ordinary restaurant taking their meals *coram publico*, or before the public.

LONDON TO PEKING IN 94 DAYS.

CHINA ACCEPTS RUSSIA'S RAILWAY SUGGESTION.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* says it is in a position to state that it is the intention of the Russian Government to build a railway from the Baikal Lake, on the Siberian line, through the Gobi Desert to Peking direct. It is further stated that China consents to this plan. When built this line will enable travellers to journey from Berlin to Peking in eight and a half days, or from London in nine and a half, the road being curtailed by over 600 miles.

The only really novel portion of this statement says a Berlin correspondent is that which declares that China is a consenting party. It will be remembered that this railway through the Gobi Desert was spoken of at the time that the "American Government" made their famous proposals for the neutralization of the Manchurian lines, and that at that time China showed some opposition; nor is it quite correct to say that the Russian Government will build the entire line. Russia's share will be the portion from Lake Baikal to Kintokha. It is pretty certain that the 900 miles from Kintokha to Peking in Chinese territory will be built by the Chinese themselves. For this purpose, however, they must borrow money. A further statement in the *Frankfurter Zeitung* that the new line will be built by 1913 is exceedingly improbable even when we take the fact into consideration that no engineering difficulties are to be encountered.

AMERICA'S FUTURE.

STRIKING CENSUS RETURNS.

Washington, Dec. 4th.

It is estimated that the thirteenth American census, now being completed, cannot be published until next Friday, but it has been ascertained on the highest authority that the total population of the United States stands now, roughly, at 90,500,000. The Eastern States more than held their own, but while the cities and industrial centres developed amazingly the States of the Middle West, where the farming regions are situated, absolutely declined. It is hardly possible, I am assured, that the figures yet to come will materially alter this vital characteristic. On the other hand, the Far Western States increased greatly. Colorado 48 per cent., Oregon 62 per cent., Nevada 93 per cent., and Idaho 101 per cent.

In 1900 the gross population of the United States was 76,000,000, and of the 14,500,000 increase nearly 10,000,000 is represented by emigrants from all parts of the world, enormous numbers coming from Southern Europe. Immigrants from the United Kingdom come in constantly smaller numbers, and no longer form the bulk of immigration as formerly. The Irish invasion has steadily declined ever since the Roman Catholic clergy of the United States issued statements to the effect that the conditions of Ireland have so much improved that people have just as good a chance of making a respectable livelihood in Ireland as here. Irish servant girls still arrive in large numbers, but so much work is required from them for their high wages that they are never satisfied, and complaints frequently that they are of negro descent, but for the negro birth-rate, as compared with the white, we must wait the full return.

The question of keenest interest aroused by the census is: Can the country absorb immigrants at the rate of nearly 1,000,000 a year, and do not those who have come here during the last decade—nearly two-thirds of them, probably—represent, by reason of their political ignorance and instability, a source of danger to the community, lowering its tone, and providing materials for demagogues to stir up? These persons here who are best able to comment on this question admit that a tremendous experiment has been undertaken, and that experience may show the necessity of curtailing certain classes of European immigrants who have been welcome here for chiefly because they will perform hard work which is scorned by the native Americans.

It was hoped that the hordes from Southern Italy, Russia, and elsewhere would distribute themselves evenly throughout the country, but they apparently prefer the big cities. New York alone contains over 200,000 Italians. Five years ago high economic authorities pronounced that within thirty years the chronic evils and problems of old societies and crowded countries, such as we know them to-day, would have reappeared in America, so far as they are forthrightly and honestly regarded. Americans generally are great optimists regarding the future of their country, and if it is found that the experiment of absorbing European outsiders does not answer they may revise the immigration laws as many now demand.

It is certain, according to the census authorities whom I have consulted, that many people now living will see 250,000,000 of people dwelling between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by the same Government, and if we absorb and educate all the newcomers, speaking the same tongue.—*Daily Telegraph*.

AMERICAN OFFICERS IN LONDON.

HEARTY WELCOME FROM THE CITY.

"It is my privilege to propose the health of our honored guests—Admiral Murdoch and the officers and men of the United States Atlantic Fleet, now visiting the shores of old England." In this fashion the Lord Mayor rose to welcome the American naval officers who were entertained at luncheon by the City Corporation in the Guildhall yesterday.

A hundred and twenty American officers in blue and gold shock hands with the Lord Mayor and Lady May at the preliminary reception in the Guildhall Library, which was brilliant with the uniforms of distinguished British officers and the robes of City dignitaries. Vice-Admiral Sir George A. Callaghan and a score of other representatives of the British Navy, with statesmen, famous lawyers and City men, joined in the enthusiastic greeting.

After the Lord Mayor had proposed the health of the City's guests, Admiral Murdoch rose to reply in what the American Ambassador, who followed him, described as "straightforward, downright sailor's fashion." After thanking the City of London for its hospitality, the Admiral said, with a glint at the Nelson memorial opposite:—"Although the American navy is new in comparison with the British Navy, it is, in the estimation of the officers, excellently representative of the character of the American people. 'Our navy is recruited from the great middle class of the whole country.' 'No one either morally or physically unfit is allowed to enlist in it if the circumstances are known. No one is allowed in the American navy except American citizens, and the common idea that a large number of the men are foreigners is absolutely erroneous. A London newspaper the other day was kind enough to publish a description of the man who is daily placed before the public in the *Minaret*," continued the Admiral, smiling happily. "In this was the cheerful man, 'Ice-cream served three days a week.' The next day we had three applicants for enlistment."

After the luncheon a number of the American officers visited the Coliseum, and next day eight hundred American blue-jackets had a real old Christmas dinner at the Guildhall as the guests of the City Corporation.

ARMY NEWS.

Major H. F. T. Fisher, Army Service Corps, from Hongkong, has been posted to Portsmouth for duty.

Major O. Brown, Inspector of Ordnance Machinery 1st Class, from Hongkong, has been appointed to the Eastern Command at Dover.

Lieutenant and Quartermaster Thomas Rooks, Army Service Corps, who left this Colony two years ago, has been promoted Captain from the 29th November last, and retires on retired pay from the 3rd instant.

Major and brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Matthew Nathan, M.C., M.G., employed under the General Post Office, is placed on the reserve list under the provisions of article 86 of the Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1909. Dated November 28, 1910.

HONGKONG-SINGAPORE RAILWAY.

Jemadar Mohamed Din to be subadar, vice Pir Dux, retired. Dated October 12th, 1910. Havildar Major Bagh Ali to be jemadar, vice Mohamed Din. Dated October 12th, 1910.

CHINESE SEVEN PER CENT. LOAN.

A week ago we reproduced from *The Times* a letter by H. E. Tang Shao-yi refuting certain statements made by an Ex-Consul in regard to the Chinese Seven Per Cent. Loan. "Ex-Consul" has replied to H. E. Tang Shao-yi's letter as follows:—

December 3rd.

Sir.—The reply of H. E. Tang Shao-yi to the criticism which I addressed to you on October 23rd regarding the above loan leaves the general question of Chinese loans in an uncertain condition, and I crave your permission to add a few words to make the matter clear. The point at issue is whether an internal departmental loan, sanctioned as such by an Imperial decree, but without authority to issue it on a foreign market, can, in the hands of a foreign holder, be deemed a foreign loan and on all fours with the Imperial Chinese Government loans heretofore issued on this market. The conditions on which a departmental or provincial loan would be recognized by the Chinese Government have been clearly laid down by that Government itself. They were communicated by the Chinese Minister in London to Lord Salisbury under date February 23, 1892, and published in the *London Gazette* of March 4 of same year. The following is an extract from the Minister's letter:—

"Henceforth no contract for a provincial loan is to be concluded without a notarial sanction shall have been made by the Imperial Chinese Government loans at Peking of the local authorities in contravention of this procedure will consequently be held to be illegal, and the Chinese Government absolved from all responsibility therefor. This measure which has been approved by Imperial decree, dated November 25, 1891, has for its object the safeguarding of Chinese credit and the protection of foreign financiers from the loss and disappointment to which they might be subjected in consequence of the powers of the provincial authorities to pledge the Imperial credit not being clearly defined."

The question then is, Are these conditions still in force or are they not? If they are, then it seems clear that an official letter should have been sent from the British Minister conveying the sanction of the Wai-wai-pu to Messrs. Dunn, Fisher & Co.'s contract; if they are not in force, then the fact ought to be established by a higher authority than the president of the board issuing the loan.

H. E. Tang Shao-yi asserts that the 2450,000 bonds purchased by Messrs. Dunn, Fisher & Co. are the direct obligation of the Imperial Chinese Government and that the said Government has undertaken to pay principal and interest in sterling. In regard to that, all I can say is that it is entirely inconsistent with what is set out in the prospectus. That document stated distinctly that the party guaranteeing the bonds and the exchange was not the Imperial Chinese Government, which is quite a different thing. There is no evidence whatever so far as the prospectus goes that the Imperial Government was even aware that Messrs. Dunn, Fisher & Co. were purchasing these bonds, much less that they have given an undertaking to repay them in sterling.

If Mr. Tang Shao-yi's meaning is that for the purpose of this loan his department and the Central Government are one and the same, I would point out that this is precisely the conclusion which the Central Government, by its peremptory letter, wished to avoid—namely, that it should not be committed to any foreign obligations by subordinate officials, the terms of which had not been approved by itself. So long as these conditions are in force they cannot be too strictly observed by parties tendering for loans.

If it were, indeed, true that the bonds of an internal loan when sold on this market are of equal rank with those of a genuine Chinese loan, then it is pertinent to enquire why the Chinese Government should go out of its way to offer 7 per cent. at par with a share of profits (thrown in), knowing very well that it can borrow readily at 5 per cent. It would be interesting to have some explanation from the Board of Communications of this puzzle.—Yours truly, EX-CONSUL.

CANDIDATES FOR OSBORNE.

ADMIRALTY DISCOURAGES SPECIAL PREPARATION.

Mr. McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, recently received a deputation from the Association of Headmasters of Preparatory Schools, composed of the Rev. H. Bull, Mr. Frampton Stallard, and Mr. Spencer. As a result Mr. McKenna has addressed to Mr. Bull the following letter:—

23rd November, 1910.

"Dear Sir,—In compliance with the promise made to the deputation of members of the Association of Preparatory Schools which I received on November 2, I willingly write to restate the position taken by the Admiralty with regard to 'special preparation' of candidates for Osborne. The Admiralty are strongly opposed to all special preparation ever since the new scheme of entry and training came into operation seven years ago this attitude has been consistently maintained, and there is not the slightest intention of modifying it. On the contrary, the experience gained during these years has only served to confirm the view that any special preparation of candidates for naval cadetships should be discouraged. It is, in fact, discouraged by every means in our power. We prefer that candidates should receive the usual education which is about to pass the public schools. We even deprecate special Navy classes in preparatory schools. Any parent who removes his boy from a preparatory school of the ordinary type in order to send him to a school which lays itself out to 'prepare for the Navy' is ill-advised and is not doing his boy's best. We find that the great majority, including the most satisfactory cadets, are those who have received the usual education of a preparatory school up to the time of their entry to Osborne. Upwards of two hundred preparatory schools send us boys who have received no special preparation whatever."

"You are aware that the system of interview by a committee which has been pursued since the new scheme came into operation was adopted as a means of escape from the evils of competitive examination, one of which had been the development of cramming establishments giving special preparation. It has been successful in this object, and I believe there is now no serious danger of a recrudescence of the evil. But it cannot be too clearly understood that anything in the nature of special preparation is, in our opinion, not only unnecessary, but positively prejudicial.—Believe me, yours very truly, ROBERT MCKENNA."

CHINESE PLAY IN LONDON.

"THE DRAGONS OF WRATH" AT THE LITTLE THEATRE.

A Princess... Mrs. Chung.
A Prince... Hung Lee.
A Prince... Yangtze Chin.
A Royal Attendant... Mr. Wu.
Henchmen, Courtiers, Bodyguards, Attendants, etc.

White Slaves—Attendants—Miss Genevieve Ellis, Miss Rita.
White Slaves—Dancers—Miss Sybil Maitland, Miss Bernice Tupper.

A novelty which had at any rate the interest of curiosity was introduced by the enterprising Mrs. Gertrude Kingston into her programme at the Little Theatre on the 6th inst., says the *Daily Mail*. This was a Chinese tragedy played by a Chinese company, which had for its leader Mme. Chung, an actress new to Europe but enjoying in her own country a reputation akin to that which Mme. Sada Yacco brought with her from Japan.

The dainty little lady, with her expressive face, proved less striking in her questionable tragedy than with her sunny comely, which was specially good in her scenes of domestic felicity with her two tiny tots of droll children. As in the case with many performances here in foreign languages other than Chinese this rendering of "The Dragons of Wrath" was, of course, intelligible to the bulk of its spectators only as pantomime. But quite enough could be seen to make out of the old legend, which is quite a miniature in the way of tragedy in comparison with the customary interminable Chinese plays.

There is a combat of wrestling between Hung Lee and Yangtze Chin, as rival suitors for the hand of the Princess, impersonated by Mme. Chung. There is a betrothal celebration with quaint Eastern music and quaint Eastern dancing by slave-girls from Peking. Then, later on, there is an attempt to abduct the newly-married Princess, followed by her death in her husband's arms.

What was most, and most deservedly, applauded last night was a really remarkable veil-placed with wonderful effects—designed by Miss Lois Fuller—of undulating prismatic colour. This feature alone might well make a success of the bizarre entertainment, especially if it could be introduced at nine o'clock, as advertised, instead of at nearly eleven.

Another London newspaper describes the play as "a popular success." It says—"It is in two short acts, and its plot is not too complicated. The scene is the Palace of the Princess and the Princess (Mme. Chung), the fairest and the kindest of all, is sitting on her throne awaiting her suitors. The colouring is delightful, and the Princess's clothes are attractive enough to cause a hobbled hobble fashion in the West. The suitors arrive, one tall and good humoured, a sort of celestial Joseph Corns, the other stout and menacing behind his ample shoulders, a sort of celestial Joseph Corns, and smiles. They fight for the Princess, and Chin-Coyne-Chin wins. His opponent is very angry, but the Princess commands him to be quiet for the betrothal fête—a rather horrid punishment—and she even compels him to sound the gong for the beginning of the high jinks, which he does with a wealth of horrid gesture. During the fête both rivals perform astonishing feats with ribbons, and the vaqueros headmost Oriental and dances to the victor's accompaniment on the Chinese pianoforte. Other Lois Fuller items are introduced, effective and even beautiful in their way. No York than of Feking. Then in a scene acted with appalling pictures the Princess throws her arms round her lover's neck. Ten years pass, and Prince and Princess are living happily with two quaint little Chinese babies, who have themselves most admired at afternoon tea. Enter the fat and wicked Prince, who for ten years has yearned for revenge! Exit the husband, and the Prince's wickedness is apparent. He dashes to the betrothal fête, but she dodges him with a pike. The husband returns, alarmed and exasperated—fight with swords, husband disarmed, wife rushes before him, receives the sword in her breast, and dies realistically and with commendable restraint.

Mme. Chung is a very gifted actress. "The Dragon of Wrath" is an admirable and original entertainment.

DEATH OF JEM MACE.

THE LAST OF THE PRIZE-FIGHTERS.

Jem Mace, the last survivor of the prize ring, died on December 1st at Jarro. The end of the old champion was a peaceful one, and death was due to senile decay. The deceased was born on April 8, 1831, at Norwich.

[BY ONE WHO KNEW HIM.]

Though in recent years Jem Mace had shown signs of the strenuous life he had led, few would have believed him to be 79. His vigour was remarkable, and he carried himself with the alert air of a 30 years' young man. Born at Beeston in 1831, like many another man before and since, he refused to adapt himself to his father's calling. Always, as he would say himself, a bit of a Roman, he cast off the shackles of home. One or two little turn-ups with the raw unsavory village lads gave him the idea of a fighter's life, and before he was 18 he had an opportunity of displaying his prowess. At a big, well-grown lad, he "tipped the beam" at a well-nigh 11st, he beat three men at a local fair in one ring. From this little seed of success sprang the great oak which was destined to make history in the world of fist-fights. His first actual fight was with one Smith, and it took Jem two hours to convince his rival that he was the better man.

Nat Langham, one of the best men who ever stepped into a ring, heard of the youngster's skill, and determined to exploit him. This, of course, meant fame and glory to Mace, and he saw his chance and took it. Matched against a man named Pratt, he failed through his own fault, but his backers, convinced that there was good in his protégé, gave him another chance, and as the youngster acquitted himself well he was taken to London and introduced to the "fancy." His next trial was a high one, as he was pitted against Bill Thorpe, and in February, 1857, the fight came off in Kent, and Mace had his man beaten very early in the proceedings. One of the stiffest fights of his life was with Bob Travers. This lasted two days, owing to police interruptions. The first day only six rounds were fought, but on the second they fought an hour and eleven minutes, when the black was beaten.

Then came talk of the Championship. After the usual preliminary skirmishing a match was fixed up and Sam Hurst and Jem Mace met. Jem had all the best of matters from the start, and at the end of eight rounds Hurst was so battered and worn that his seconds threw up the sponge for him.

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"My little son had some white spots, but of water and soap, which he washed with, and the result was that they broke and formed a scab, which was over his body from head to foot, so that he became unbearable for him. He cried for about eighteen months day and night. I tried two or three doctors, but they did him no good, only that they gave some ointment to make him sleep, and that was only for a short time, as the effect of them was soon over. Then I was told that Cuticura Soap and Ointment would cure it, and I tried it. The first application eased the itching so I kept on, and as all scabs cleared, and now he is a bonny boy, spotlessly clean without a sign of anything on his skin. Before applying the Cuticura Soap, he was all covered with scabs and gone, only skin and bones, and I was told that Cuticura Soap and Ointment would cure it, and I tried it. 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THE Steamship "NIPPON" having arrived, Consignments of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst. will be subject to sale. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th inst. at 9.30 a.m. All Claims must reach us before the 3rd Jan., or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

OLOF WIJK & CO., CHINA AGENCIES, AKTIEBOLAG, Agents. Hongkong, 29th December, 1910. [1440]

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A 24 h.p. ELECTRIC MOTOR with starting switches, pulleys, etc., complete is offered for Sale by the Underwriter. The Motor is in First Class Condition and suited to local requirements. MANAGER, HONGKONG DAILY PRESS OFFICE, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1910. [1307]

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BY an ENGLISHMAN, Post as Accountant, Good References and Qualifications. Outputs not objected to. Apply—Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong 17th December, 1910. [1398]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY OF IRELAND. ESTABLISHED 1822.

THE Underwriter having been Appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fires at Current Rates. REUTER, BRÜCKELMANN & Co., Hongkong, 19th December, 1910. [1402]

NOTICE.

THE Underwriter, CHAN MUI SAN, who, for more than forty years, has been in and Manager of the BUS SING Firm of No. 50, Queen's Road Central, has now retired from all connection with the said Firm and has opened his Own House at No. 23, Stanley Street, where he is Transacting Business in the same lines as formerly. CHAN MUI SAN, 23, Stanley Street, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1910. [1344]

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1910. [1442]

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On MONDAY, January 2nd, 1911, TRAINS WILL RUN TO THE SUNDAY TIMING: KOWLOON, Departure... 9.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Lowry, Departure... 11.15 a.m. and 5 p.m. For Intermediate Stations, See Time Table.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1910. [1414]

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BEING the Series of Articles recently contributed to the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" by "Sportsman," reproduced in book form.

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HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 27th December, 1910. [1436]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underwriter has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th JANUARY, 1911, at 10 a.m., at the NAVAL YARD CAMBER, The Pontoon Lighter

together with the Fittings in One Lot as described herein.

As the now lies in Chamber of the Naval Yard, The Admiralty does not guarantee the Lighter to be fit for further sea or harbour service. The Lighter may be viewed for Seven Days before Date of Sale on production of an Inspecting Order which can be obtained from the Auctioneers.

HUGHES & HOUGH, By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1910. [1425]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underwriter has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, ON WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 4th and 5th JANUARY, 1911, at 10 a.m., each day, at H. M. NAVAL YARD, OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, Comprising—

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HUGHES & HOUGH, By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1910. [1426]

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FROM 1st JANUARY, 1911.
NO. 11, GAGE STREET. Eight-Roomed House with Godowns.
Apply to—E. A. & C. F. DE CARVALHO, 14, Arbuthnot Road, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1910. [1306]

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HOUSE, in Knutsford Terrace.
Apply—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st December, 1910. [1250]

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OFFICES, Hotel Mansions.
Apply to—HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1910. [151]

TO LET.

NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOPS, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Immediate Possession. Cheap Rentals.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 43, Yau Ma Tei, Area 85,200 square feet with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [790]

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KING'S BUILDINGS.

OFFICES facing the Harbour lately in occupation of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Apply—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st December, 1910. [189]

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GODOWNS, 95, 96 and 97, Praya East.

Apply—CHATER & MODY, Hongkong, 7th December, 1910. [1360]

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NO. 7, UPPER MOSQUE TERRACE.
Apply to—M. L. CHAN, No. 1, Lower Mosque Terrace, Hongkong, 5th December, 1910. [1355]

TO LET.

NO. 21, CONDUIT ROAD, Clifton Gardens.

Nos. 1 and 2, BOWEN ROAD, lately occupied as Artillery Officer's Quarters. Suitable for Boarding House.

GODOWNS, 151 to 155, PRATA EAST. OFFICES No. 2, Connaught Road, 3rd Floor.

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SELF-Contained FLATS, NATHAN ROAD, Kowloon, with Gas, Electric Light and Telephone in each Flat.

Apply to—J. HENNESSEY BETH, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 1st October, 1910. [795]

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HOUSES in Observatory Villas (5 Rooms), Kowloon. Electric and Gas laid on, Tennis Court.

Apply to—ARRATTON V. APCAR & Co., 14, Des Vexes Road, Central, 1st Floor, Hongkong, 28th July, 1910. [872]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, New Praya, Kennedy Town.

Apply—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st December, 1910. [994]

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No. 57, PRATA GRANDE, Macao. FOR SALE—Toa Casser, at Peak, commanding a Magnificent View of the Harbour and Adjacent Islands.

Apply to—LINDSEY & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 15th December, 1910. [91]

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GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st December, 1910. [88]

AUTOMATIC BROWNING POCKET PISTOLS.

Calibre 7.65 mm. With CHAMBER for 8 CARTRIDGES FIRING 8 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.

SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, 6th March, 1907. [38]

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Paid-up Capital ... 1,212,500 0 0
II. Fire Funds ... 3,488,136 6 7

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and MARINE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 19th July, 1910. [788]

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DR. M. H. CHAUN, DENTAL SURGEON, 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, N. J. STABB, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, 16th July, 1910. [19]

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(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK). ESTABLISHED 1863.

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6 do 3 1/2 do
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C. WOLFFENBUTTEL, Manager, No. 16, Des Vexes Road Central, Hongkong, 4th August, 1909. [1232]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER).

Capital ... Yen 10,000,000
Capital Subscribed (paid up) ... Yen 6,250,000
Reserve Fund ... Yen 2,450,000

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BRANCHES AND AGENCIES: Amoy, Anping, Canton, Foochow, Keelung, Swatow, Tainan, Tamsui, Nagasaki, Osaka, Yokohama, Shanghai.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 3, DES VEXES ROAD. Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received on terms which may be had on application.

D. TOHDOW, Manager, Hongkong, 12th September, 1910. [1233]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

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RESERVE FUND ... Gold \$3,250,000 (about \$1,500,000.)

HEAD OFFICE: 60, WALL STREET, NEW YORK. LONDON OFFICE: Threadneedle House, E.C.3.

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For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 " 3 " do
For 3 " 3 " do

N. S. MARSHALL, Manager, No. 9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, 17th August, 1910. [1294]

BANKS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS ... \$15,000,000
SILVER ... \$15,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$15,000,000

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N. J. STABB, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, 29th September, 1910. [18]

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STOCKS AND SHARES.

RUBBER COMPANIES.

SINGAPORE, December 18.

Par value each share 21 Cents paid up are:	Malayan Companies	Singapore Fraser & Co's Prices, Nov. 9	Dividends	Par value each share 21 Cents paid up are:	Malayan Companies	Singapore Fraser & Co's Prices, Nov. 9	Dividends
15/ paid	Alor-Pongau .....	.....	.....	fy. paid	Malacca Ordinary	7.75	.....
2/ fy.	Anglo-Johore	1.56	80%	10	Merliman	6/8	.....
17/8	Bakau .....	.....	.....	fy.	Morton Syndicate .....	.....	.....
fy.	Batu Caves	17.10.0	70%	10	Mount Austin .....	.....	.....
fy.	Batu Kawan .....	.....	.....	2 1/2	Narborough Est. .....	.....	25%
15/	Batu Tiga .....	.....	.....	10	North Hammock	5/8	.....
fy.	Berangan Selangor	5.00	10%	10	Padang Jawa .....	.....	.....
15/	Bernam Perak .....	.....	.....	2 1/2	Pandau Johore	3.16	125%
fy.	Do. Ordinary .....	.....	.....	10	Pataling .....	.....	.....
15/	Bidor .....	.....	.....	3%	Perak	8/10	124%
fy.	Blanda Selangor .....	.....	.....	10	Pencor Est. .....	.....	10%
2/ fy.	Bukit Cloh	2.10.0	.....	12/6	Raman	2.00	.....
15/	Bukit Kajang	20/ pm	.....	12/6	Rembia .....	.....	.....
fy.	Bukit Mertajam	4/1	.....	fy.	Rim .....	.....	.....
Options	Bukit Rajah	16.10.0	25%	10	R. Est. of Krian .....	.....	.....
fy. paid	Bukit Selangor	8.5.0	7 1/2%	10	R. of Johore	11.15.0	.....
fy.	Caledfield .....	.....	.....	15/	Saga	7.10.0	15%
fy.	Changkat Salak R. and Tin	4/6	.....	10	Scandfield	3.5.8	100%
2/ fy.	Cheremosa .....	.....	.....	10	Selangor .....	.....	.....
fy.	Cheviot .....	.....	.....	10	Selangor Rubber	1.10.0pm	.....
2/ 1/6	Citro Rubber	2.3.0	50%	10	Sempah	5.0.0	15%
2/ fy.	Citro Preferred	2.3.0	50%	10	Seremban	3.16.6	10%
2/ fy.	Consolidated	1.6.0	50%	10	Shedford .....	.....	.....
fy.	Damansara	7.19.3	50%	10	Signaling (N.S.)	2.16.6	17 1/2%
fy.	Danang .....	.....	.....	10	Singapore Para	8/	10%
fy.	Enth Selangor	13/8	15%	10	Strathmore .....	.....	.....
fy.	Enth Selangor	30/2	30%	10	Sungei Bahru	5.2.6	25 1/2%
fy.	Gua Kuei Est. .....	.....	.....	10	Sungei Choh	16/3	.....
fy.	Garing (Malacca)	5.10.0	25%	10	Sungei Kapar .....	.....	.....
fy.	Golden Hope	6.17.6	30%	10	Sungei Krut	4.11.6	12 1/2%
fy.	Gula-Kalampong	5.11.6	20%	10	Sungei Lang	6.5.0	.....
fy.	H. and Lowlands	14.0.0	100%	10	Sungei Salak .....	.....	.....
fy.	Inch Kenneth .....	.....	.....	10	Sungei Way .....	.....	.....
fy.	Johore Para .....	.....	.....	10	Tangkai .....	.....	.....
fy.	Johore B. Lands .....	.....	.....	10	Third Mile .....	.....	.....
fy.	Jong-Landor .....	.....	.....	10	Tremalby .....	.....	.....
fy.	Jugra (Ordinary) .....	.....	40%	10	Uti. Sus. Betong	2.1.0	250%
fy.	Jura Estates .....	.....	.....	10	Vallambrosa .....	.....	.....
fy.	K. Pong Kuantan	5/8 pm	16%	10
fy.	Kamuning "A"	10
fy.	Do. "B"	10
fy.	Kapar Para	9.10.0	20%	10
fy.	Kellias	10
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fy.	Kota Tinggi	6d	10
fy.	Kota Tampan	10
fy.	Krubong	10
fy.	Kuala Klang	8.12.6	75%	10
fy.	Kuala Lumpur .....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Kuala Pahi .....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Kuala Selangor	16/6	30%	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Labu	5.11.0	27 1/2%	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Lanatron	4.7.6 pm	17 1/2%	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Ledbury	3.16.7	17 1/2%	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Lendy	3.6.9	100%	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Linggi	10/6	10%	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Louisa Anatio	36/6 pm	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Louisa Est. .....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Madingley Est. .....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
fy.	Malacca 7 1/2 Cum. Participating Pref	7.7.6	10	10

AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

December 22nd, 1910.

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

ALDENHAM, British str., 2,400, Guleson, 27th Dec. - Australia via Manila 24th Dec.	General - Gibb, Livingston & Co.
BENVOIRICH, British str., 2,146, Galley, 25th Dec. - Singapore 18th Dec. - General - Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
CHANGCHONG, British str., 1,214, F. Boyd, 20th Dec. - Dinky Chero and Welbair, 14th Dec. - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
CHONGCHONG, British str., 1,220, V.M. Liddell, 24th Dec. - Tientsin and Tsingtau 16th Dec. - General - Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
CHINWU, British str., 1,215, Benson, 11th Dec. - Shanghai 8th Dec. - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
D. FRANK FERDINAND, Austrian str., 3,845, R. Cobl, 24th Dec. - Shanghai 22nd Dec. - General - Sander, Winer & Co.	
EMPEROR OF CHINA, British str., 3,046, R. Archibald, N.R. 22nd Dec. - Vancouver 30th Nov. - Mails and General - C. F. R. Co.	
FUMI MARU, Japanese str., 1,679, S. Hayama, 21st Dec. - Takan 17th Dec. - Kerosene Oil - Asiatic Petroleum & Co.	
GLENNFALLOCH, British str., 1,434, J. Mason, 25th Dec. - Singapore 17th Dec. - General - Joo Tok Sing.	
GLIMLOCH, British str., 2,997, E. J. Stirling, 25th Dec. - London 7th Nov. - General - Sheehan, Tones & Co.	
HAKATA MARU, Japanese str., 3,820, A. Mecker, 25th Dec. - Kobe and Moji 20th Dec. - General - Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	
HANGANG, British str., 1,356, Spencer, 27th Dec. - Shanghai and Swatow 25th Dec. - General - Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
HUICHOW, British str., 1,925, E. Forsyth, 15th Dec. - Tientsin 9th Dec. - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
INABA MARU, Japanese str., 3,837, K. Kawara, 25th Dec. - Shanghai 22nd Dec. - General - Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	
KALAN, British str., 1,143, D. R. Davies, 27th Dec. - Shanghai 23rd Dec. - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
KAWACHI MARU, Japanese str., 3,782, H. Peterson, 25th Dec. - Shanghai 22nd Dec. - General - Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	
KIANO PINO, Chinese str., 1,100, Udden, 10th Dec. - Wulu 4th Dec. - General - Chinese.	
KINGTAN, British str., 1,234, Robertson, 27th Dec. - Wakamatsu 21st Dec. - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
KURICHOW, British str., 1,219, Hooker, 25th Dec. - Shanghai 22nd Dec. - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
KWANGSI, British str., 1,228, P. Cole, 12th Dec. - Chiofo 7th Dec. - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
LYANGCHOW, British str., 1,215, H. Herder, 11th Dec. - Tientsin, Chiofo, Wulu and Swatow 10th Dec. - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
LOONGCHOW, British str., 1,093, F. Wheeler, 20th Dec. - Manila 17th Dec. - General - Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
MANABAN MARU, Japanese str., 3,245, H. Ohta, 24th Dec. - Mito 19th Dec. - Coal - Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	

MARIE, German str., 1,169, Christensen, 19th Dec. - Saigon 13th Dec. - Rice and Flour - Orler.	
MAUSANG, British str., 1,126, G. W. Wallall, 21st Dec. - Sandakan 14th Dec. - Timber - Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
MEERFOO, Chinese str., 1,339, J. Halkat, 23rd Dec. - Shanghai 21st Dec. - General - C. M. S. N. Co.	
MICHAEL JESSEN, German str., 960, J. Petersen, 25th Dec. - Haiphong and Hoihow 24th Dec. - General - Jensen & Co.	
NANSHAN, British str., 1,239, Wawn, 24th Dec. - Saigon 19th Dec. - Rice and Meal - Bradley & Co.	
NIPPON MARU, Japanese str., 3,452, H. S. Smith, 20th Dec. - San Francisco 22nd Nov. - General - Toyo Kaisha Kaisha.	
PAKHOR, British str., 1,225, Gibb, 25th Dec. - Wulu and Chinkiang 20th Dec. - Rice and General - Butterfield & Swire.	
PERANANG, German str., 1,021, Von Mangoldt, 25th Dec. - Bangkok and Swatow 24th Dec. - Timber - Butterfield & Swire.	
PROVIA, Norwegian str., 1,023, Larsen, 26th Dec. - Chinkiang 22nd Dec. - General - Agard, Thoresen & Co.	
REDHILL, British str., 2,501, H. E. Dowell, 21st Dec. - Manila 15th Dec. - Ballast - Dowell & Co.	
ROMANTY, British str., 2,579, Macdonald, 25th Dec. - Singapore 18th Dec. - Bulk Oil - Asiatic Petroleum & Co.	
SAMSEN, German str., 1,234, Petersen, 9th Dec. - Bangkok and Swatow 8th Dec. - Rice and Teakwood - Butterfield & Swire.	
SEANGHIE, British str., 3,843, J. Travis, 26th Dec. - Amoy 25th Dec. - General - Chinese.	
SHANGAI, British str., 1,228, Pottinger, 17th Dec. - Swatow 16th Dec. - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
SHANGHAI, British str., 1,307, H. A. Wavell, 24th Dec. - Hongkong 21st Dec. - Coal - Butterfield & Swire.	
SHENSHING, British str., 1,044, Cowan, 16th Dec. - Amoy 15th Dec. - General - General - Butterfield & Swire.	
SIAM, British str., 910, R. A. Bins, 25th Dec. - Singapore 15th Dec. - Petroleum - Asiatic Petroleum & Co.	
SUMITOKU MARU, Japanese str., 1,46, S. Mori, 20th Dec. - from Taka, General - Order.	
TAKOWSKI, Chinese str., 900, Solimenech, 20th Dec. - Wulu 16th Dec. - Rice and General - Chinese.	
TITAN, British str., 5,716, H. W. N. Evans, 25th Dec. - Tacoma via ports 30th Nov. - Flour, Lumber and Salmon - Butterfield & Swire.	
TRINITY, Norwegian str., 1,460, W. J. Nielsen, 23rd Dec. - Swatow 22nd Dec. - Ballast - Walden & Co.	
VESTFOLD, Norwegian str., 1,172, Bertelsen, 25th Dec. - Bangkok 16th Dec. - General - Agard, Thoresen & Co.	
VORONOV, Russian str., 3,278, W. Babichuk, 26th Dec. - Singapore, General - Russian - Volunteer Fleet.	
YUENHANG, British str., 1,102, P. H. Rolfe, 27th Dec. - Manila 24th Dec. - General - Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
YUTOPOLIS, British str., 2,532, F. Downe, 16th Nov. - New York 16th Dec. - Case oil - Standard Oil Co.	

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ANNU, British str., 1,356, J. B. Harris, 28th Dec.—Shanghai 25th Dec. General—Butterfield & Swire.
 ARANTA, German str., 2,457, Ernst, 27th Dec.—Shanghai 24th Dec. General—Hamburg—America Line.
 CHUNTA, British str., 1,274, H. Mathias, 27th Dec.—Haiphong 25th Dec. General—Butterfield & Swire.
 CHUYEN, Chinese str., 1,177, C. Stewart, 28th Dec.—Shanghai 24th Dec. General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 FURTHOF, Norwegian str., 691, Andersen, 27th Dec.—Brookhaven 20th Dec. General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 HAICHING, British str., 1,635, W. C. Passmore, 28th Dec.—Fookow 25th Dec. General—Douglas, Laiprak & Co.
 KAGOSHIMA MARU, Japanese str., 2,701, Minamiyama, 28th Dec.—Mojji 22nd Dec. General—Ataka & Co.
 KUEICHOV, British str., 23th Dec.—Canton.
 NORD, British str., 1,750, Jones, 27th Dec.—Fookow 25th Dec. General—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.
 PROCHOR, Norwegian str., 927, R. Larsen, 28th Dec.—Dunly 22nd Dec. General—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.
 TUKINT, Dutch str., 2,014, H. Koops, 28th Dec.—Macassar 19th Dec. General—Java-China-Japan Line.
 TULIWONG, Dutch str., 4,506, Bouman, 28th Dec.—Amoy 20th Dec. General—Java-China-Japan Line.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 28th December.
 Alderham, British str., for Moji.
 Anika, British str., for Canton.
 Arabis, German str., for Hamburg.
 Chiyen, Chinese str., for Canton.
 E. F. Ferdinand, Austrian str., for Singapore.
 Glenloch, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

CHINGKING, British str., for Chikiang.
 KWANGHAI, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 28th December.
 BOMBAY MARU, Japanese str., for Japan.
 GLAUCUS, British str., for Shanghai.
 GREGORY APAR, British str., for Singapore.
 HANGANG, British str., for Canton.
 HANOI, French str., for Haiphong.
 KAGAN, British str., for Canton.
 KAGAWA, German str., for Hobei.
 KANTA, British str., for Kuchino.
 PRINZ LUDWIG, German str., for Europe & Co.
 SEATTLE MARU, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
 SIGNAL, German str., for Haiphong.
 ZAFINO, American str., for Manila.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Haiching* reports: Light Easterly swell and fine weather, heavy.
 The British str. *Anika* reports: Light N.W. and N.E. wind, fine and clear weather.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
 The *Apar* str. *Catherine* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 21st instant afternoon, and may be expected here to-day.
 The Indo-China str. *Fookow* left Calcutta for the Straits and Hongkong on the 18th inst., and is due here on or about the 3rd prox.
 THE GERMAN MAIL.
 The I.G.M. str. *Brace*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 30th ult., left Singapore on the 25th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day at midnight.
 THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *Siberia* left Manila on the 28th instant, and is due to arrive at Hongkong to-morrow at 6 a.m.
 The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *China* sailed from Yokohama on the 26th inst., and is scheduled to arrive at Hongkong on the 3rd prox.
 The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *Manchuria* was dispatched from San Francisco on the 13th inst., for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 9th prox.
 The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *Asia* sailed from San Francisco on the 27th instant for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at this port on the 24th prox.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Calcedonien*, with the French Mail of the 4th inst., and made from London, of the 3rd inst., left Singapore on the 27th inst., at 6 a.m., and is expected to arrive here on the 2nd prox., tomorrow.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Waldemar* left Sydney on the 17th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 8th prox.
 The E. & A. str. *Empire* left Sydney on the 21st inst. for this port, via Queensland Port, Port Darwin and Manila.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. Co. str. *Montague* arrived at Yokohama at 4.30 p.m. on the 27th inst., and left again at 10 a.m. yesterday for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 4 p.m. on the 29th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The M.M. str. *Meinam* is expected to arrive here to-day.
 The American & Manchuria Line's str. *Kioto* may be expected here to-day.
 The O.S. str. *Mexico* left Shanghai for this port on the 26th inst., and is expected to arrive here to-day.

The H.A. Line str. *Stancia* left Singapore on the 24th instant a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kaga Maru* (European Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai on the 21st inst., and is expected here on the 2nd prox.

The N.Y.K. str. *Bingo Maru* (Hankow Line) left Bombay for this port via Colombo and Singapore on the 16th instant, and is expected here on the 3rd prox.

The T.K.K. str. *Kiyo Maru* left Calcutta for this port via Mexican ports, Honolulu, and Japan ports, on the 30th ultimo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Nabia* left Singapore for this port on the 25th instant, at 9.30 a.m., and is due here on the 30th inst., at about 5 p.m.

The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s chartered str. *Strathgairn* sailed from Portland on the 15th instant, via Japan ports for Hongkong.

The O.S. str. *Chicago Maru* left Victoria, B. C., for this port via Japan and Manila on the 15th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 13th prox.

The str. *Glenhurst* left London on 25th ult., and is due here on or about 14th prox.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "1," nearest Hongkong "2," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "3," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "4," together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & ETC.	DEPART.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SOMALI	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 30th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CEYLON	Brit. str.	—	A. E. A. Baker	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd Jan.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 10th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PENBROKESHIRE	Brit. str.	—	R. Hayes	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 2nd Feb.
LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 7th Jan. at Noon
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	SLAM	Swed. str.	—	Gjertsenbrun	MELCHERS & Co.	About middle of Jan.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	BRISAVIA	Ger. str.	—	Masse	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 18th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	—	v. Döhren	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 4th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	—	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 19th Jan.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SIEMOYIA	Ger. str.	—	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 2nd Feb.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	VILLE DE LA CHOTAT	Frech. str.	—	Barillon	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 15th Feb.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	KAGA MARU	Japan. str.	—	M. Hagino	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan., at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ATSUTA MARU	Japan. str.	—	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at Noon
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SAXONIA	Japan. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HITACHI MARU	Japan. str.	—	G. Bolte	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 10th Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	GOEREN	Japan. str.	—	B. Cobl	MELCHERS & Co.	On 1st Feb.
MARSEILLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Brit. str.	—	J. C. Alexander	JARDINE, WILKIE & Co.	On 11th Jan.
THIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INTERCITY	Am. str.	—	—	SEAWAY, TOMES & Co.	To-day, p.m.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	INDRAMA	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	About 29th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EMPRESS OF CHINA	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ISABA MARU	Japan. str.	—	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MEXICO MARU	Japan. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 25th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAMBA MARU	Japan. str.	—	F. S. Cowley	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUYENIO	Japan. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KITO MARU	Japan. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SIBIRIA	Am. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th Feb.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINA	Am. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	COLEEN	Ger. str.	—	H. Raegerer	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 14th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	—	L. Dawson	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 31st inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NIKKO MARU	Japan. str.	—	M. Winkler	MELCHERS & Co.	On 13th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KUMANO MARU	Japan. str.	—	F. Isoko	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PEIMS WARDMAR	Ger. str.	—	Murai	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Feb.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MIYASAKI MARU	Japan. str.	—	M. Winkler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 10th
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KUMANO MARU	Japan. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerick	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TUNEDAS	Dut. str.	—	A. Scott	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 12th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KWANGSUN	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHOSHUN MARU	Japan. str.	—	H. Forster	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BURELO	Ger. str.	—	A. Hartig	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINCHUA	Brit. str.	—	A. H. Sandbach	MELCHERS & Co.	About 30th inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HANGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Hildebrandt	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 p.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ANHUI	Brit. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	To-morrow.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NUBIA	Frech. str.	—	F. J. Fox	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CALCUTTA	Japan. str.	—	Lafont	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 31st
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BIRGO MARU	Japan. str.	—	S. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	FOOHSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 6th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	—	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 7th
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INDINE	Dut. str.	—	H. Knops	MELCHERS & Co.	On 12th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TIKINI	Japan. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Beginning
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SOBU MARU	Japan. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	DAGO MARU	Brit. str.	—	W. C. Passmore	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	LAINGCHOW	Brit. str.	—	H. Harber	DOUGLAS LAIPRAK & Co.	On 1st Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HAITAN	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Hodgins	DOUGLAS LAIPRAK & Co.	On 31st inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ORHILL	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Evans	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAKING	Brit. str.	—	Pennefather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YUENSANG	Am. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 7th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	RUHI	Am. str.	—	S. Crosby	SEAWAY, TOMES & Co.	On 11th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ZAPU	Brit. str.	—	E. Rice	SEAWAY, TOMES & Co.	On 25th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SUNGSIANG	Brit. str.	—	H. A. Harris	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	W. G. All	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CEYLON MARU	Japan. str.	—	F. Semblit	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Middle of Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KUTSANG	Brit. str.	—	Edw. Frye	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TILLIWONG	Dut. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 10th Jan.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NUBIA Capt. F. J. Fox	About 31st Dec.	Freight and Passage
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PEN- ANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	CEYLON Capt. A. E. A. Baker	About 2nd Jan.	Freight only
SHANGHAI	DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	About 6th Jan.	Freight and Passage
LONDON via SUEZ and COLOMBO	DEVANA Capt. H. Powell	Neon, 7th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 29th December, 1910

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"CHINCHU"	On 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
SWATOW, NINGPO & SHANGHAI	"LIANGHOU"	On 30th Dec., 11 A.M.
HAIPHONG	"CHIEH"	On 31st Dec., Noon
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 31st Dec., 11 A.M.
TSINGTAI, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"KWANGSE"	On 1st Jan., 11 A.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 3rd Jan., 4 P.M.
LOILOI & CEBU	"SUNGKIANG"	On 3rd Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THUES- DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRIS- BANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 13th Jan., 4 P.M.

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SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Friday, 30th Dec., Noon.
BANDAKAN via JESSELTON	"MAUSANG"	Friday, 30th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 31st Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Friday, 31st Dec., Noon.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 7th Jan., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Tuesday, 10th Jan., Noon.

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"HAITAN" Capt. J. W. Evans TUESDAY, 3rd Jan., at 11 A.M.

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"HAIYANG" Capt. A. E. Hodgins SUNDAY, 1st Jan., at 10 A.M.

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VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"CHICAGO MARU"	6,182	WED'DAY, 25th Jan., at Noon

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ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY	"SOSHU MARU"	WED'DAY, 4th Jan., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	"CHOSHUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 5th Jan., at 8 A.M.

For information of Freight, Passages, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local
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MANAGER

PHILIPPINES S.S. CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
RUBI	4000	S. Crosby	Manila, Iloilo & Cebu	On 11th Jan., 4 P.M.
ZAFIRO	4000	E. Rice	Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	On 25th Jan., 4 P.M.

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S.S. SILESIA 10th Feb.	S.S. SCANDIA 19th Jan.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGA- PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and	KAGA MARU Capt. M. Hagino	7,000	WED'DAY, 4th Jan., at Daylight
	ATSUTA MARU Capt. Wm. Thompson	9,000	WED'DAY, 18th Jan., at Daylight
	HITACHI MARU Capt. N. Matheson	7,000	WED'DAY, 1st Feb., at Daylight
	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. J. Nagao	7,000	SATURDAY, 28th Jan., from Kobe
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE	INABA MARU Capt. K. Kawa	7,000	TUESDAY, 3rd Jan., at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANG- HAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKO- HAMA	TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Sato	7,000	TUESDAY, 31st Jan., at Noon
YDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	FRIDAY, 20th Jan., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	FRIDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon
	BINGO MARU Capt. S. J. G. Parsons	7,000	TUESDAY, 3rd January
	MIYAZAKI MARU Capt. Murai	9,000	THURSDAY, 5th January, at 5 P.M.
	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	WED'DAY, 18th Jan., at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	CEYLON MARU Capt. Fred. Pyno	6,000	THURSDAY, 19th January

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MIYASAKI MARU	9000	15th Feb.	1st Class S Y 550.00
KITANO	9000	1st Mar.	R 825.00
IYO	7000	15th "	2nd Class S 360.00
HIRANO	9000	29th "	R 540.00
TANGO	9000	12th April	1st Class S 500.00
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There will be no delivery and no collection of letters on Sunday.
The Money Order office will be entirely closed.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

The *Anping*, with the Siberian Mail is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The *Buclov*, with the German Mail of the 30th ultimo, left Singapore on Sunday, the 25th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on to-morrow at midnight.

The *Caladonia*, with the French Mail of the 2nd December, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 3rd January, at daylight.

FOR	PER	DATE
Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay	<i>E. Evans Ferdinand</i>	Thursday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	<i>Sui Tai</i>	Thursday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	<i>Chin Hua</i>	Thursday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Ningpo and Shanghai	<i>Liangchow</i>	Thursday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	<i>Michael Jacobson</i>	Friday, 30th, 8.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	<i>Tylin Wong</i>	Friday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Jessalton, and Sandakan	<i>Mauwang</i>	Friday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	<i>Chin Hua</i>	Friday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	<i>Sui Tai</i>	Friday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila, Maroun, Yap, Samarang, Friedrichs, Wilhelmshafen, Hahau, Horbortshöhe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne	<i>Coblenz</i>	Friday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila	<i>Loongang</i>	Saturday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	<i>Chihit</i>	Saturday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Haiphong	<i>Chihit</i>	Saturday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Amoy and Foochow	<i>Haiching</i>	Saturday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.

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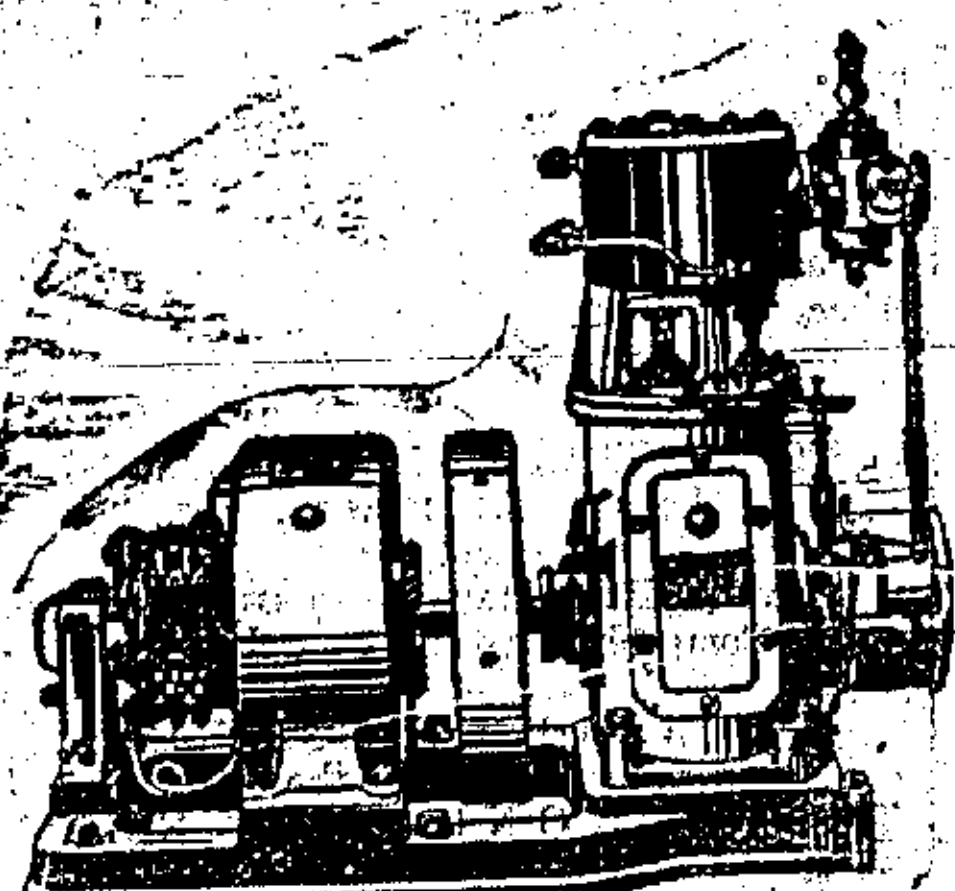
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Bank Bills, on demand	110.1
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	110.1
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	110.1
Credits, at 4 months' sight	110.1
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	110.1
ON PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand	233
Credits, at 4 months' sight	237
ON GERMANY—	
On demand	188.1
ON NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	44.3
Credits, at 60 days' sight	45.3
ON BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	137
Bank, on demand	137.1
ON CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	137
Bank, on demand	137.1
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank, at sight	74.1
Private, 30 days' sight	75.1
ON YOKOHAMA—	
On demand	90.1
ON MANILA—	
On demand	90.1
ON SINGAPORE—	
On demand	78.1
ON BATAVIA—	
On demand	110.1
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Hongkong ... 10	\$7.00

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 28TH, 1910.

Stocks.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$895, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	27	46	\$80, buyers
Bank of Communications, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$8, sellers
China Bank Corporation, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$91, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$95 1/2, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, sellers
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 85
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	\$4.1
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 46
Laou-Kung-Mow Co. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 48
Boy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 245
DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED	40,000	\$72	\$6	\$17.1
DOCKS AND WHARVES.				
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Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$80	all	\$52, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$64	\$64	\$6
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 68
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 95
FRANCO & CO., LIMITED	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$5
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$3, buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$205
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$10
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$98, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$65, sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$19, sellers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	\$10	\$7
INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$185
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$118, buyers
China Trade Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.55	\$25	\$87.1
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$360, sales
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$25	Tls. 140, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$827.5, sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$190
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$99, sellers
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$50	\$30	\$33, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	70,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100, sales
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	70,000	\$50	\$50	\$39, sales & buy.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$50
MINE.				
Societe Francaise des Charbons du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$700
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$3, sellers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$13, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$13, sellers
RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$8
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China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$124
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$22, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50
STRAITS TRADING CO., LIMITED				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$8, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$20, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$10	\$10	\$30.4
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$6, sol. 1/10
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$11, sol. 1/10
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$12.5, 2.6
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$12.5
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$12.5
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$23, sales
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$10
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy	\$10	\$10	\$10
United Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	\$10	\$10
UNION TRADING CO., LIMITED				
Altagers	750,000	all	4/6	sales
Anglo-Malay	1,500,000	2/	all	23/
Balgownie	151,200	\$1	all	\$11 (Sta.)
Batu Tiga	70,000	\$1	all	\$7/6
Bukit Kajang	80,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Castelfield, fully paid	30,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Cheviots	70,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Eastern and International	250,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Highlands and Lowlands	307,145	\$1	all	\$11/6
Kamuning	1,825,000	2/	all	\$11/6
Kuala Lumpur	180,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Lahus	100,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Ledbury's	100,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Linggis	900,000	2/	all	\$11/6
London Asiatics	1,266,000	2/	all	\$11/6
London Ventures	...	...	...	...
Morlemus	1,750,000	2/	all	\$11/6
Pegohs	45,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Rubber Trusts	...	...	...	...
Sandycrofts	50,000	\$2	all	\$11/6
Sepangs	100,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Shifords	65,000	\$1	all	\$11/6
Singapore and Johore	125,000	\$2	all	\$11/6
Sumatra Paras	995,000	2/	all	\$11/6
Sungel-Kapars	90,000	2/	all	\$11/6
United Serdang	170,000	\$1	all	\$11/6

Loans	Amount	Value	Interest	Quotation
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FORTHCOMING EVENT.

Friday, 30th Dec.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture at No. 130, Macdonnell Rd. Top Floor, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11 A.M.

Wednesday, 4th Jan.—Auction of The Pontoon Lighter "Megohm" at the Naval Yard, Canton, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 10 A.M.

Wednesday and Thursday, 4th and 5th Jan.—Auction of Naval and Victualling Stores, at H.M. Naval Yard, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 10 A.M.

Wednesday, 4th Jan.—Grand Operatic Concert at Theatre Royal, 9 P.M.

Wednesday, 11th Jan.—Grand Variety Entertainment at Theatre Royal, 9 P.M.

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